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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN BAY COUNTY PROVIDES COVID-19 UPDATE, ANNOUNCES 86 CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19



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Panama City, Fla.— The Florida Department of Health in Bay County (DOH-Bay) received confirmation of 86 additional cases of COVID-19, bringing the total cases to 1,193 including 1,154 residents and 39 non-residents. Eight Bay County residents, or 1 percent of all positive cases, have died from COVID-19. A total of 52 Bay County residents, or 5 percent of all cases, have been hospitalized with COVID-19. Bay County's overall COVID-19 positive testing rate is 11 percent. Of the 11,064 tests processed, 9,847 tests are negative.

Demographics for today's confirmed cases: Female (86), Male (51), Female (41), Male (63), Female (21), Male (55), Female (53), Female (74), Female (26), Female (84), Male (27), Male (55), Male (45), Male (52), Female (65), Female (34), Male (17), Male (54), Female (19), Female (28), Female (34), Male (27), Female (27), Male (59), Male (46), Male (15), Male (50), Male (37), Male (23), Female (54), Male (91), Male (60), Male (53), Female (40), Female (46), Male (85), Male (35), Male (67), Male (39), Male (18), Male (51), Female (24), Male (58), Female (36), Female (43), Female (80), Female (29), Male (22), Female (10), Female (0), Female (55), Female (21), Female (27), Male (15), Female (24), Female (26), Female (16), Female (53), Male (52), Female (37), Female (20), Female (51), Female (23), Female (19), Female (40), Male (44), Male (21), Female (21), Male (74), Female (28), Male (25), Female (37), Female (35), Female (48), Female (45), Male (61), Female (50), Male (25), Male (27), Female (25), Female (41), Female (21), Male (40), Male (46), Female (32), and a Male (27). There are no non-Florida resident cases.

Cities of Bay County cases based on patient's ZIP Code: Panama City (788), Panama City Beach (178), Lynn Haven (113), Youngstown (15), Southport (20), Missing (14), Callaway (8), Fountain (8), Tyndall Air Force Base (4), Inlet Beach (2), Bayou George (1), Parker (1), Seacrest (1), and Watersound (1).

Data is preliminary and subject to change based on public health investigations.

Prevention

Protect the vulnerable by avoiding the Three Cs: Closed Spaces, Crowded Places and Close-Contact Settings and by wearing a mask in public:

1. **Closed Spaces.** Avoid closed spaces with poor ventilation that could allow contagious droplets to linger in the air.
2. **Crowded Places.** Avoid crowded places with many people nearby; the greater the number of individuals in an area, the greater the chances of COVID-19 spreading from person-to-person.
3. **Close-Contact Settings.** Avoid close-range conversations and stay at least six-feet from others.

Testing

DOH-Bay is now testing anyone with symptoms of COVID-19. For screening, please call DOH-Bay at (850) 872-4455 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and follow the prompts. Testing is by appointment only. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, new loss of taste or smell, vomiting or diarrhea, and/or sore throat. The CDC has a symptom checker available at [CDC.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus). For additional testing options and information, visit Bay.FloridaHealth.gov.

COVID-19 Question of the Day

How can I protect my child from COVID-19 infection?

You can encourage your child to help stop the spread of COVID-19 by teaching them to do the same things everyone should do to stay healthy.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue and throw the tissue in the trash.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects, like tables, countertops, light switches, doorknobs, and cabinet handles.

Additional Data

The state provides a report detailing surveillance data for every Florida county, which is available [here](#).

In order to make the daily COVID-19 report easier to download and more accessible, the daily report will now separate case line data in a separate PDF. Both reports will continue to be updated daily. The case line data report is available [here](#).

Florida long-term care facility data:

- The list of long-term care facilities with active COVID-19 cases is available [here](#).
- The list of long-term care facilities with deaths is available [here](#), which is updated weekly.

The antibody COVID-19 test results report will be provided once a week and contains county, race and lab information on antibody COVID-19 tests conducted in Florida. The report for antibody tests conducted by private health care providers is available [here](#) and the report for antibody tests conducted at state-supported COVID-19 testing sites is available [here](#).

The Agency for Health Care Administration added an additional tab to the [Hospital Bed Capacity Dashboard](#) to reflect hospitalizations with the primary diagnosis of COVID-19.

More information on a case-by-case basis can also be found [here](#).

For more Information on COVID-19

For text alert updates from the Florida Department of Health in Bay County, text "bayhealth" to 888-777. For additional information specific to Bay County, visit <http://bay.floridahealth.gov/> or BayHealthCOVID19.com. Contact the Citizens Information Center seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at (850) 248-6090, or email ask@baycountyfl.gov.

To find the most up-to-date information and guidance on COVID-19, please visit the Department of Health's dedicated COVID-19 website at [FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov](https://floridahealth.gov/covid-19). For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, call (866) 779-6121. The Call Center is available 24 hours per day or email COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

The free *StrongerThanC19* app is available to both iOS and Android users and can be downloaded from the Apple or Google app stores. The *StrongerThanC19* app and [website](#) are designed to gather information to help the Department of Health track and slow the spread of COVID-19 in Florida; they are not intended to be used as a symptom checker designed to dispense medical advice.

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